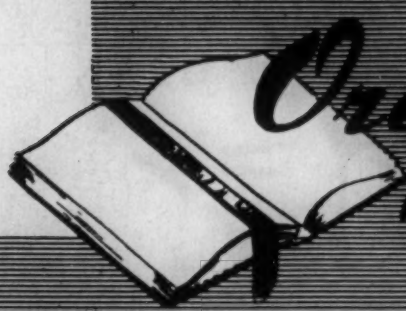




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SET FOR FEBRUARY 12-13 AT DALLAS—

Oregon Christian Assembly



ROBERT NELSON

Four Guest Leaders Will Cross Continent to Attend Oregon Assembly

The program for the Oregon Christian Assembly has been arranged, according to Mrs. John Jordan of Albany, chairman of the World Outreach Commission, which is planning the meeting. Only a few items await confirmation before the whole schedule can be announced.

The assembly will meet at Dallas, February 12-13, in the First Christian Church. It is a purely inspirational gathering, to which all of the brotherhood in Oregon is invited. It is not intended to duplicate the Oregon Christian Convention, nor is it intended to transact business.

Four guests of national and international repute will travel to Oregon to serve as leaders and speakers: Thomas J. Griffin, Robert G. Nelson, Hollis Lee

Turley, and Donald McGavran.

Thomas J. Griffin is national director of Christian Action and Community Service for the United Christian Missionary Society. He assists local churches and state and district committees which request his services in establishing or improving efforts in Christian action and community service.

Mr. Griffin was for six years pastor of the East Sixth Street Christian Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Oklahoma City Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, president of the ministerial association, and an active member in the council of churches. He graduated cum laude in 1946 from Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, and received the bachelor of divinity degree at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois.

Robert G. Nelson is executive secretary of the Disciples of Christ Africa Mission, with work in the Belgian Congo, Union of South Africa, and fraternal relations with churches in Southern Rhodesia, carried by the United Christian Missionary Society. He has just returned from a four-month tour of Africa in which he visited all of the brotherhood missions in Africa.

Before he was called to head the Africa department, Mr. Nelson was a Disciple missionary to Jamaica, British West Indies. He served there as administrative secretary of the mission. He was the American liaison representative of Church World Service in its two-and-one-half million-dollar program of aid to Jamaica school program. He entered missionary service in Jamaica in 1948 following pastorates in Oklahoma.

Mr. Nelson is a graduate of Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, and Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian University.

Donald McGavran, United Christian Missionary Society missionary to India, is scheduled to speak Friday evening of the Assembly. Dr. and Mrs. McGavran



THOMAS GRIFFIN

are presently in America to aid in the program of enlisting young people for full-time Christian service. They were at Drake University during the fall of 1958, and during the early months of 1959 will be at Northwest Christian College.

Mrs. McGavran is scheduled to speak at the banquet on Thursday evening of the Assembly.

Banquets, conversation groups, worship, singing, and speaking will furnish the program for the two-day Assembly. Among the local and state leaders participating will be Kenneth Johnston, president of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. Leighton Dashiell of Dallas will be the song leader. Special music will be provided by various churches of the state.

Adequate housing is available in Dallas, through the cooperation of the Dallas Ministerial Association. As many as four hundred out-of-town people can be accommodated. Reservations should be placed through the office of the First Christian Church in Dallas, Oregon. Philip Wolfe is the pastor of the host church.

AFTER THE OREGON CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY—

Thomas Griffin Will Assist in Series of Christian Action Meetings Across State

Immediately following the Oregon Christian Assembly, Rev. Thomas Griffin will be guest leader at a series of Christian action meetings over the state, according to the announcement from Mrs. Frank Ritchey, chairman of the state commission on Christian Action and Community Service.

On Saturday, February 14, Rev. Griffin will be at the home of Mrs. Neva Wood in Milwaukie, Oregon, for an informal meeting. On Sunday morning he will speak at the Mallory Avenue Christian Church in Portland, and in the evening he will attend the School of Missions at the Kern Park Christian Church.

All day Monday, February 16, Rev. Griffin will participate in a Christian-action workshop for Portland area leaders at the Mallory Avenue church; the evening session will be open to the public and all Oregon Christians from as far away as Salem are invited to attend.

On Tuesday, February 17, Rev. Griffin will speak in the chapel service at Northwest Christian College in Eugene. During the afternoon and evening he will be guest leader in a Christian action workshop for which the First Christian Church is host. All churches in the environs of Eugene are being welcomed to this meeting.

Other area workshops are scheduled as follows: February 18, Medford; February 19, Bend; February 20, La Grande.

At all of the area workshops there will

be broad emphases, such as the Biblical background for social action and the possibilities for programs and projects in the field of social action. Each area workshop will, in addition, have its own special emphasis, depending upon the special social problems in the area.

Each workshop involves local lay leaders and specialists, such as judges, migrant workers, and Oregon officials.

In the legislative field the emphases will be upon Indians, migrants, and morality issues. The commission has secured the cooperation and resources of the Oregon Temperance League, the Oregon Council of Churches, and Dr. Ross J. Griffith.

The workshops are open to the public and all churches are invited. A free-will offering will be received.

The state commission which is directing the workshops includes the following: Rev. Don Ross, Salem; Leighton Dashiell, Dallas; Neva Wood, Portland; Don Higgins, Burns; Mrs. Marjorie Morse, Lebanon; and Mrs. Frank Ritchey, Milton-Freewater.

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JANUARY 15**



JACK SUTTON

CALLING ALL MEN! February 20 - 21 - 22, 1959

Men, circle these dates on your 1959 calendar for the greatest men's retreat of ALL! The place is again Camp Magruder, near Rockaway, on the coast, where we had such a wonderful time last year. Sessions begin 7:30 Friday evening, February 20, continue through Saturday, and end at 1:30 P.M., Sunday, February 22.

Jack Sutton, national men's leader, will be with us, and of course is the feature attraction. Supplementing his leadership will be the best of Oregon leaders. The theme is "THIS I BELIEVE," covering our beliefs about prayer, salvation, God and I — just to mention a few high spots.

We honestly believe this will be one of the most significant meetings that the men of Oregon have ever held — examining and crystallizing our thinking about the fundamental elements of our faith. You simply can't afford to miss it!

Total cost for the three days, including food and lodging, is only \$6.25. If you enjoy fun, fellowship, and inspiration, THIS IS FOR YOU! Will the president of local men's groups please check with his men, get the number that will be going, and relay this information to John Jordan, Albany, before January 15?

Leo Quakenbush
Program Director

NOTE: Jack Sutton will be the guest leader of the Men's Retreat in Eastern Oregon, which follows by one week the retreat at Camp Magruder. The date for the Eastern Oregon retreat is February — March 1. Hot Lake, near La Grande, Oregon, is the locale for the meeting.



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UNTIL JUNE 1 DR. MCGAVRAN WILL BE AT

Northwest Christian College

—by Dr. Ross J. Griffeth

Miss Mabel Metze of Indianapolis, who has been in Europe for some months, will return in time to serve as Director of the Christian Education Practicum, February 9-20, 1959.

Classes will be conducted for church-school teachers and leaders of the Children's Department. There will be classes for workers in Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior classes.

The Christian Education Practicum will be held in the First Christian Church of Springfield, Oregon. Classes will be held during the afternoons of each week, Monday through Friday. They are open to all who care to enroll.

A student in the Christian Education Practicum may earn two quarter hours of academic credit. The tuition charge is \$14.00 per person whether or not the course is taken for academic credit. A splendid faculty is being assembled for the Practicum.

For further information, write to Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon.

The ONE THOUSAND MILE ADVANCE in Quality Christian Education is progressing well although the program has been presented in only a few churches. Regular reports on progress are published in the N C C BULLETIN. Every effort is being put forth to make this an educational program as well as a means of securing desperately needed capital funds.

It is imperative that Northwest Christian College secure a minimum of \$151,000.00 in capital funds before September 1, 1959, so that the final purchase payment on the Sigma Phi Fraternity House can be made by that time. Every contribution helps us along this journey. Remember, estimates of giving are important, but it takes cash to meet the immediate commitment to purchase the Fraternity House.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald McGavran are being booked to make appearances in various churches within reasonable distance of Eugene. The calendars of these veteran missionaries were quickly filled for February and March. Later bookings are being made as requests are received. They will be available for appearances in churches until about June 1. Churches must take care of travel and other expenses.

Dr. McGavran prefers to serve congregations close enough to Eugene, so that

he can return after the Sunday-night service. Special arrangements can be made to use him with several congregations with an area. For datings, write Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon.

Spring Student Preview will be held for prospective NCC students on April 24-25, 1959. This is to acquaint high school juniors and seniors with the NCC educational program.

Please remember that the Northwest Christian College Day in the churches is scheduled for April 14, 1959. Please clear this day or one near to it so that the story of N.C.C. can be told to the members of the congregation. Also, wherever possible, arrange for a special offering so that the College can meet its current expenses.

Northwest Christian College will hold a Summer School in 1959. There will be two sessions of two weeks each with different courses available during each session. The dates: June 15-26, 1959 and June 29 — July 10, 1959. Prof. Ward A. Rice is organizing the work for the summer session.



TELEVISION VIEWERS appreciated the NCC Christmas play, broadcast over Channel 13. Above is a close-up of one of the actors, as seen on the video screen.

PORTLAND MINISTER HEADS OREGON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Harold Glen Brown, minister of the First Christian Church in Portland, was elected president of the Oregon Council of Churches at the annual convention, which met in Eugene this year.

Dr. Brown succeeds Dr. Ross J. Griffeth in the presidency of the Council.

New Audio-Visuals Available

THE LONG STRIDE, 16 mm. sound movie, 28½ minutes, rental fee, \$2.50. Dramatically portrays how the Protestant churches of America help the homeless and disaster-stricken overseas through their ministries of relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction. Filmed in Korea, Hong Kong, the Near East and Austria, it gives an on-the-spot view of the Church at work overseas. Especially useful for Week of Compassion observances, but good all the year around for keeping Christians aware of the urgency of the need and the opportunity of sharing. The State Office has three copies of this excellent film.

VILLAGE REBORN, color filmstrip, 68 frames, script, rental fee, \$1.00. Shows a literacy campaign in an Egyptian village along the Nile. When Saeed, a young farmer, finds his uncle can read, he asks, "Why can't I learn, too?" thus awakening hope for a new dimension in life. This hope is realized with the help of a "Lit-Lit" team, sponsored by the World Literacy and Christian Literature Committee of the National Council of Churches. This literacy program operates in more than fifty countries and more than 250 languages. Recommended for use in connection with adult and youth studies on the Middle East.

Available from the State Office, 312 Fitzpatrick Building, Portland 5, Oregon.

Christian Board Opens Record Department

Record departments, recently opened in Bethany Bookstores and the Christian Board of Publication, are making available virtually all religious records from all major recording studios. Columbia, Capitol, R.C.A. Victor, Decca, Caedmon, Zondervan Victory, Broadman, Word, Singspiration, Sacred Records Inc., and others are represented on the shelves.

New records arrive almost daily. The Norman Luboff Choir, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Jane Froman, Jimmy Dean, Fred Waring, Marian Anderson, the Roger Wagner Chorale, Jerome Hines, the Southwestern Singers, Gary Moore, the Back to the Bible Broadcast Choir and Quartet, and many other artists are available.

"Home and Church Songs," an album of records especially prepared for Disciples of Christ, is featured in a large selection of children's records.

Records may be purchased at Bethany Bookstores, 2652 Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. or 222 So. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana, or by mail from the Christian Board of Publication, Box 179, St. Louis 66, Mo.

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OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



MRS. FRED STONE decorates a cookie at the Corvallis Christian Church's Christmas Fair.

Recent reports from The United Society give two outstanding bits of information concerning the sacrificial giving of Christian Church groups. I quote: "At La Hermosa (Puerto Rican) church in New York a rally-day offering of \$11,300 was about to fall short \$800 as the service closed, but individuals refused to let the pastor, Apolinio Melecio, pronounce the benediction without giving them another chance. The final total for the day was \$11,700. Thus, with from 30 to 40 thousand dollars that they expect to get from their present building in condemnation sale, this church of 300 members has raised between \$72,000 and \$82,000 of its pledge of \$100,000."

"Other Christian churches promised at the Des Moines convention to do their part. The remainder of the New York Puerto Rican project will be \$500,000, of which only a small fraction has been raised so far. This project is now part of Capital for Kingdom Building, askings which are to be received through June 30, 1960."

Their present location is one and one-half blocks from the site of the proposed

new church and lies directly in the path of a sweeping slum-clearance program. Nearly 600,000 Puerto Ricans live in New York City, making it the largest Puerto Rican city in the world. Many of these people became Christians in our mission churches in Puerto Rico.

The challenge of the Puerto Ricans' needs and the potential for a strong church offer our brotherhood an opportunity to serve and grow in New York as they have never done before. This is a real Home Mission's project. It should grip the attention and support of people who claim they do not believe in 'Foreign' Missions.

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The second thrilling example of giving out of one's own poverty is this: "A handful of young people at the Mountain of Light Farm, Christian Church Mission project near Pabellon, Mexico, came up with a good harvest of wheat on one acre last fall and earned 200 pesos (about \$16). Though it's not a large amount, the young people are making sure that it goes into church work to benefit others. The first \$8.00 goes into a dormitory on their own farm, but this will not be completed in time to benefit them."

"The second half of the fund they designated for the Ecola Mayenne School at Bolenge, Belgian Congo. They chose this Christian church project because it is for young people, who, though of another race, are just starting out in life as they are."

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An inspiring program is being arranged for the Oregon Christian Assembly, to be held February 12-13 in the Christian Church in Dallas. This is one of the best opportunities of the year to hear some outstanding speakers, receive great benefit from the different classes, and enjoy the fine fellowship. A beautiful communion service will be held as part of the concluding program on Friday night, Feb. 13. It is hoped that a great group of people can attend.

Christmas Fair Demonstrates How Families Can Have Pre-Christmas Fellowship and Fun

The Corvallis Christian Church held a Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 7, as a pre-Christmas activity to show the opportunities for family fun and fellowship in preparing for Christmas. The Fair was under the direction of the membership development department, led by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Horn.

Displays and activities filled the walls and tables of McLean Hall, each family contributing its favorite Christmas art work or project. Home-made decorations were very prominent. Metal ornaments, fashioned by Mrs. Marven Coon, adorned the stage curtain and proscenium. Other individuals showed off their wreaths and Christmas trees. There were wreaths made of all kinds of materials, including hydrangea blooms, fir and pine cones, paper cups, and candy. Trees were made of teasels, wrapping paper, plywood (for holding Christmas cards) popcorn, and ceramics.

Activities included something for all ages. Cookie decorating (the frosting and applicators supplied on the spot) occupied young and old. One family, the Sorenson's, showed how to make an edible Christmas tree by coating an ice-cream cone with frosting and plastering it with popcorn. Stringing of cranberries and making of paper chains appealed to the youngsters,

whose presence had been especially solicited.

Paper sculpture showed its promise as a family activity. One display indicated ways in which old Christmas cards could be made into stars, gift tags, and so on. One Christmas tree was made entirely out of paper sunbursts pyramided upon each other.

The McDonald family brought a family-size Christmas stocking made of oil cloth, as well as oil-cloth holders for Christmas cards. The Robert Adams family displayed a felt skirt for children, in Christmas colors.

This was the first Christmas fair held by the Corvallis church, but, judging by the favorable comment, it may not be the last.

Hermiston Oversubscribes Funds for New Sanctuary

The Board of Church Extension has announced that the First Christian Church of Hermiston has just completed a highly successful building-fund campaign by raising \$9,913 over and above its \$25,000 goal.

The campaign, under the guest direction of Harold R. Watkins, general rep-

resentative of the Board of Church Extension, brought a total of \$34,913 through 77 pledges to be paid over a three-year period. The funds will be used to erect a new sanctuary unit.

William L. Boyer served as local campaign chairman and Mrs. Don Hurrele as secretary.



HEAD TABLE at Christmas banquet of Albany CYF. Bob Alliston, master of ceremonies, addresses the banqueters. At the extreme left is Professor William Siefke, speaker of the evening.

Albany Youth Celebrate Christmas at Banquet

The Christian Youth Fellowship of the Albany First Christian Church celebrated its chief youth event of the year, the Christmas banquet, Sunday afternoon, December 14. There were 65 or more present, including adult guests as well as youth.

Following the theme of "God's Winter Wonderland," the room was decorated with a snowy Christmas tree and festoons of greenery. The programs and menu were printed on the inside of miniature cotton-covered snowmen, one for each plate.

Bob Alliston, youth director of the Albany church, was master of ceremonies. Musical numbers on the program were supplied by Royalin Rodman, vocal soloist; Marilyn Kindler, violin soloist from the Albany Presbyterian Church; and Bill Smith, vocal soloist from Northwest Christian College. Janet Vedder was song leader.

The program included several readings, supplied by Bob Alliston and Virginia Wulf, students at Northwest Christian College. Mrs. Wulf is a former member of the Albany CYF.

Program William Siefke of Northwest Christian College delivered an inspirational message to climax the program. At the conclusion, David Bassett, president of the CYF, presented gifts to the guests of honor, in behalf of the youth. Those honored were Professor and Mrs. Siefke, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Young, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Leek, Mrs. Mary Kleeman, and Bob Alliston.

Bob Leek, who teaches the Sunday morning class of high-school youth, re-

ports that on December 14 there were 48 in his class. The Sunday-to-Sunday average throughout the year is almost as good, as there are usually 35 present, except during the summer months, when attendance is in the upper twenties.

PRESENTATION OF GIFT is made by David Bassett, president of the Albany First Christian Church CYF, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Leek, youth advisers. Mr. Leek teaches the church-school class for high-school youth.



Brotherhood Council Makes Plans for Decade of Decision

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 8, 1958 — Planning for the Decade of Decision, the brotherhood's program for the 1960's, held the spotlight during sessions of the Home and State Missions Planning Council held in St. Louis early in December.

Dr. William B. Blakemore, Dean of Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago, pointed out to the state and provincial secretaries, ministers, lay-people and national agency representatives that the plans for the 1960's have taken on specific characteristics.

"First," he said, "the brotherhood has decided to make a decision that our brotherhood as a people must be responsible and contend that Christianity is worthwhile and has meaning."

"The brotherhood is no longer just drifting along."

He pointed out that plans for the Decade of Decision have forced us to throw our faith to the side of peace. He suggested that the dark picture being painted by the atomic age, although a possibility, cannot overshadow the possibility that the 1960's may be the most peaceful we have known.

He stated that the atomic age really began in January of 1939 and that the world has not fallen apart as yet. He explained that half of the world's population was born in the atomic age.

Dr. Blakemore stated that the Decade of Decision calls for excellence over mediocrity. "No pursuit of excellence can be achieved without a model to emulate," he said.

He viewed the Decade of Decision as challenging the brotherhood to the best. Quoting Emerson, he closed by saying, "The chief want in life is to make us do what we can."

"Pop" Swander Sends "Thank You" to Friends for Remembrances

Mr. and Mrs. C.F. ("Pop") Swander wish to thank the many friends throughout Oregon for their cards, greetings, and remembrances. The Christian love and friendship indicated is treasured and appreciated.

"Pop" Swander, in Graystone Nursing Home (12640 Southeast Bush Street, Portland), has not been quite as well as usual recently, but sends wishes for Holiday Cheer and New Year blessings to all.

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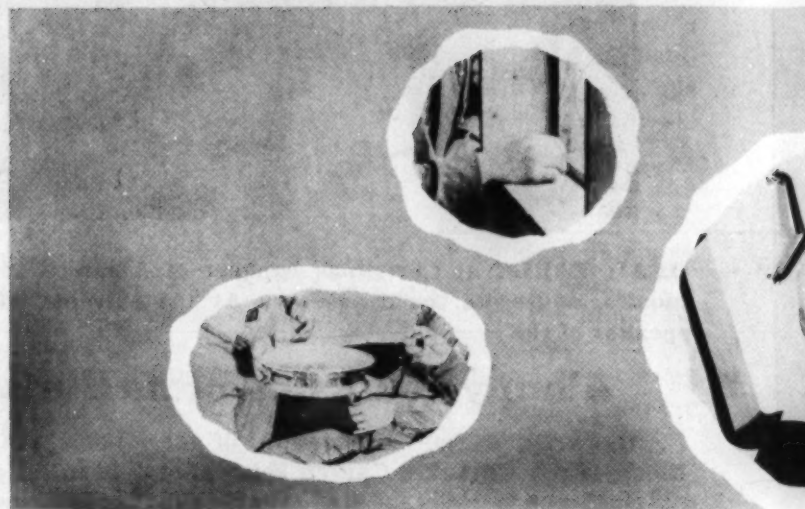


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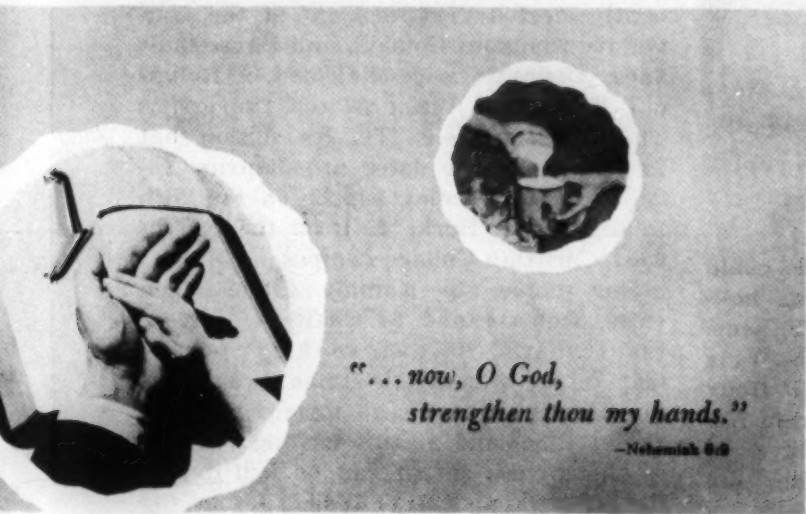


DISCIPLE CHAPLAIN, Maury Hundley, Jr., visits a patient.

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Convention NEWSNOTES

In these days momentum throughout Oregon is increasing in the emphasis of the Centennial year of 1959. Students of the history of Christian churches in Oregon remind us of the first annual state gathering at McCoy in 1852, even before Statehood.

According to C.F. Swander's pioneer volume, "Making Disciples in Oregon", "The missionary obligation was definitely accepted by the organization of the Christian Missionary Convention of Oregon in 1860". He goes on to point out that an early summer convention in Turner is recorded from 1884 on at the present convention grounds.

Since these early gatherings many changes have come to our annual convention. The same needs of fellowship, cooperation, and mutual encouragement that drew Christians to McCoy 106 years ago still exist today. Progress and improvements in the annual gathering and the memorial grounds still spring from the leadership of convention committees and financial support of concerned congregations.

In a season characterized by the review of 100 years of statehood, Christians are preparing to gather for the 107th time and look ahead together for Christ. Convention committees are at work completing plans for the July session and many congregations are sending financial support to the convention treasurer, Lyle Nosler.

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NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

DULCINA ELLIOTT REPORTS FROM EUGENE CHRISTIAN HOUSE

As part of its tenth anniversary celebration, the Eugene Christian House wishes to invite church groups to visit the House during February, March, and April. Write us when you can come, preferably on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon or Sunday at our 5:30 p.m. meeting hour.

Gloria Haggard (Medford) was recently elected vice-president of the University Religious Council, and Dave Gault (also Medford) is co-chairman of Religious Evaluation Week at the University. This year's theme is "The Revolution that Is Religion". The dates are January 18-23, with the opening supper on the 18th to be held in Burke Hall on the Northwest Christian College campus.

Our thanks to Kammy Chun Steen (Mrs. Robert) and to Charlene Barrentine (Ontario) for their work as co-chairman of the annual Christmas Swag-making project. Proceeds go toward the new carpet fund, and at this writing it looks as though the carpet can be laid during the holidays, and all of it paid for by the students themselves with a few special gifts from interested adults.

Winter term Sunday morning classes will feature two studies: one on "World Religions", and the other on "The Use and Understanding of the Bible". The evening programs will be on the missionary theme of the year, The Middle East, and on current theological problems. Program chairman is Carl Ihle (Longview). A weekday study group for older students will begin with the new term.

Harley Cook, regional DSF president, is spending the week after Christmas in the national DSF executive council meetings in Indianapolis as a representative of this area.

The Christmas message was put onto the Christian House mirror in ten languages by students from as many lands who participated in pre-Christmas events at the House. The Christmas special offering was for Share-Our-Surplus, part of Church World Service in its ministry to refugees.

Particular congregations of the Lord, though equally independent of one another as to the management of their own peculiar affairs, are by virtue of one common Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one common salvation, but one Kingdom or Church of God, and as such are under obligation to cooperate with one another in all measures promotive of the great ends of Christ's death and resurrection.

Alexander Campbell



ANNUAL DINNER for those who could not go home for the Thanksgiving holidays was attended by 21 students, some of whom appear above: left to right, Judy Sorenson, Corvallis youth; Argyle Heltz and Roland Heltz, grad students from Nebraska; Mrs. Marvin Swearingin from Missouri; Mrs. Heltz at the piano; and Dave Osborne from California.

LAWRENCE PORTER, CAMPUS MINISTER, CORVALLIS CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTER

Upon the recommendation of my doctor I will be closing my work as your campus minister at Oregon State College on June 30, 1959.

Five years have passed very rapidly, and we feel that the surface of the work that should be done here has barely been scratched, so great is the opportunity and need for Christ on the campus.

It is our prayer as we close our ministry that the Disciples of Christ will join in providing an adequate ministry for our 525 Disciples of Christ members besides 200 other preference students and the large group of unchurched students at Oregon State College.

The service rendered by the Student Center is demonstrated by the fact that a recent count during the morning worship at the Corvallis Christian Church revealed 48 students; 42 of these were from the Student Center.

In one five-hour period this week fourteen students came to the Center for help with problems which involved faith in God, money, final tests, and other matters.

Students come to college with full intentions of going to church, but even those most faithful at home often get lost on the campus because of heavy schedules and pressure from living groups, unless they are working with other Christian students.

Around The State With The Churches

BEND: A deeply moving consecration Sunday was the climax of a month-long campaign in the Stewardship of Tithing on November 23 in which 59 individuals signed commitment cards to return the first tenth of their income to the Lord. Of this total 49 were adult members of the congregation. Fruit of the period of stewardship teaching was noted in a recent financial report which showed the highest income in many years of the history of the congregation. The "other half" of an outstanding Laymen's Sunday in October was featured in the Women's Day observance on December 14 in which Mrs. David Byerly, retired Christian missionary, was guest speaker. The entire morning service was led by the CWF. Under the leadership of Paul Marsh, chairman of the property commission, an extensive project in interior decorating and plastering was completed. Seven added by transfer. Margaret Swanson, reporter. Robert H. Mulk-ey, minister.

COQUILLE: Thirty-eight added by baptism, 18 by transfer. We were thrilled at the success of our church-advance program under the leadership of Ed Eldridge during November. Over 60 callers helped in this program. Four nights of preaching followed, closing with a candlelight communion service. The minister, Orris Doty, is conducting four classes on the New Testament Church for the new and other interested members. On November 30, we were hosts to the Fifth-Sunday Rally and had a total of 173 present during the afternoon and evening. Our attendance has been good all month, with 296 in morning worship one Sunday. We observed Women's Day, December 7, with Mrs. Thelma Siefke as guest speaker. In the evening the Bandon Community chorus presented a full evening of music. Flossie Wolgammott, reporter.

JASPER: One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. The ladies recently held a benefit ham dinner. The profit was added to the building fund. The new building is progressing nicely, and will be ready for limited use early in the new year. The building will seat about 200. Roy L. Helms, minister.

MILL CITY: The CWF annual bazaar was held on November 4 (election day) with good results. The CWF also took 102 quarts of applesauce to the Turner Home and presented a program for the folk there. Brother Lawrence Britton of the Turner Home spoke at our annual community Thanksgiving service held in our church. Jim Scott and Barbara Starr of Lebanon presented Sunday evening program telling of their Caribbean Youth Tour. Clyde and Alice Freeman, with their Youth Crusade, were here for one week. The average nightly attendance was 164 and 11 confessions of faith resulted. Larry Lawrence, minister.

PORT ORFORD: Two added by baptism, 3 otherwise. The whole church is busy but the high school group is making the greatest progress, both in church and the school. They have been instrumental in organizing a Christian youth club at school and have been such a strong influence that they were assigned the task of putting on a Thanksgiving program for the school, with the whole community invited. They did a fine job with a completely Christian emphasis on the whole program. Six of these young people are planning to attend NCC. The Bible school is having a fisherman's contest, catching minnows, trout, salmon, and trying for a whale of an attendance as "Fishers of Men." Don Whitney, pastor.

CORVALLIS: Budget-raising campaign completed with 90 per cent raised to date. Evangelism campaign planned with Decision Day on January 25, 1959. Goal for one day is 74. John Frye, national evangelist for the brotherhood, will be director. Mr. Adsit, minister, was missionary speaker for Chi Rho CWFM meet at Springfield. Very successful Thanksgiving Day service with two choirs participating. Unusual "Christmas Fair" held on December 7, sponsored by the Membership Development departments. Leadership Training class for prospective teachers being held Sunday mornings, with Margaret Hewitt and Glyn Adsit as teachers.

REDMOND: Eight added by baptism, 6 otherwise. The Women's Council held their annual bazaar and cooked-food sale, December 5-6, taking in something over \$200. At a recent meeting of the Women's Council, they voted to send a gift of money to the Turner Home. Mrs. T. H. Moody, reporter. Richard Merriman, minister.

NORTH BEND: A three-year building program, including plant, is in effect, with a victory march the first Sunday of every month aiding the project. Christmas plans include caroling by the youth, a cantata by the choir, "Love Transcending," and a Christmas program which included a play by the junior high and high school, "The King Who Abolished Christmas." Women's Day was observed November 14, with Keith Salmonson, missionary from India, as guest speaker. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter. Len Fishback, minister.

ASTORIA: Three added by transfer. Coast District C. E. convention held here on November 14-16 with 190 youth registered and 119 in attendance. Paul Moore, of Athena, was convention speaker, and Richard Merriman of Redmond was song leader. Union Thanksgiving service was held here with our choir, under the direction of Mrs. Eileen Lawson, bringing the message in song. We have purchased a Model C-1 Allen Electric Organ complete with the percussion group of carillon, harp, etc. Installation will be completed within 90 days. The Fifth-Sunday rally was held here November 30 with Wilbur Hensley of Seaside as speaker. Rex Lawson, minister.

PORTLAND - SELLWOOD: Two added by baptism. The Bible School has fully recovered from the summer slump. Women's Day was observed with Mrs. Edna Trout as the guest speaker on December 7. A number of special events were held during December. Robert Clevenger, minister.

MADRAS: Two added by transfer. We were host to the Fifth-Sunday rally, November 30, with 148 attending. Clifford

Trout of Mallory Avenue was guest speaker. The CYF staged a live nativity scene, December 22-23. They are also engaged in a Monday-morning youth chapel with the other churches of the community, started by this CYF. Jack Naff, minister.

BEAVERTON: Four added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Have just completed fund-raising campaign under direction of Jess Johnson. More than \$46,000 was pledged for the new building. Thomas Courtney, minister.

HALSEY: The building addition is progressing nicely in spite of the weather. Average Bible-school attendance is picking up with the approach of Christmas. The Bible-school staff planned an outstanding yuletide program. Robert Gates, minister.

SHERIDAN: Two added by transfer. Yamhill County Christian youth rally was held here with the election of new officers. Linda Stringer of Sheridan was elected president. Yamhill evangelistic rally was held here with 103 present. Union Thanksgiving service was held in Methodist Church, with Ralph Perry giving the message. Ralph Perry, minister.

PORTLAND - ST. JOHNS: Five added by transfer. The minister spoke at Roosevelt High student-body Thanksgiving assembly and shared in the union service for this area. The music department presented a Christmas "Notes of Praise" program on December 14. The Bible-school program was presented on December 21. December 13 was work day for special cleaning and painting around the building. We were host for the District-One Rally, December 16, with Dr. Ross Griffith as speaker. Many special Christmas projects for missionaries and for needy families were carried on. Jess Johnson, minister.

ASHLAND: Three added by baptism, 9 otherwise. We are completing a new educational unit of 12 rooms, which should be available for use by the last of February or March. Bible-school attendance during the last ten weeks has averaged 241. James M. Sinclair, minister.

JOHN DAY: Observed Women's Day, December 7, with Mrs. Milton Bower of Burns as guest speaker. Fifty-four present at service. Sanctuary, four classrooms, and office of new church nearing completion. Held first worship service in new sanctuary, December 21. Will finish rest of building as soon as time and money permit. Church attendance is 33 per cent above last year. Sunday-school attendance is 30 per cent above last year. Phil Ryan, minister.

ROCKAWAY: One added by baptism. Church board and congregation approved

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THE DALLES: One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Began church year, November 1, with an adopted budget of \$36,000. Ratified our new constitution at the annual all-church dinner, November 2. New officers were installed following morning service. Seven elders attended the Elders' Retreat at Wi-Ne-Ma, where a two-day session was led by our minister, H. Harold Johnson. Five young people attended the student preview at NCC. Ronald Ingle, reporter.

WALTERVILLE: Two added by baptism. A new roof has been put on the building, using asphalt composition shakes. The entire interior of the sanctuary is being painted by the men. Garry Briggs, pastor.

NEWPORT: Twenty-six youth attended the District C. E. convention in Astoria in November. The young people assist a great deal in the evening services. They form the choir; then three youth are selected to assist in the evening services. Attendances keep up well in all the services of the day. There are three C.E. groups. Arlo B. Bristow, ad interim minister.

PENDLETON: One added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Observed Christian Literature week. Host to High-School World Fellowship youth meet with 80 registered. Host to Union Thanksgiving service. Planning for Annual Dine-O-Rama with five year progress report and a look to 1959. Donald Payne, minister.

VERNONIA: One added by baptism. We are celebrating our 35th anniversary as a church in January. Robert Sargent, minister. **ELGIN:** Four added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Lester Wells, minister.

SPRINGFIELD: Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise. We entertained the Zone 2 Chi Rho World Fellowship Youth Meet, November 20-21, under the direction of Dick Speck, youth director, and with the help of the CWF, who prepared three meals for them. Our youth prepared a float for the Springfield Christmas parade. James A. Fraley, minister.

PORTLAND - ROCKWOOD: One added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Fine youth revival held during November with Clyde and Alice Freeman leading. They do a splendid job and attract large crowds of youth with their illustrated program. Church leaders are busy preparing business by-laws, 1959 budget, and nomination of our first officers in the new congregation. Elery Parrish, minister.

FOREST GROVE: The month of stewardship came to a close on November 13, with a large number of tithers signing pledges. Twenty-three youth and adults attended the World Fellowship meets. The December church-night dinner was a time for crafts, with 10 tables featuring different Christmas decorations. The choir presented a Christmas musical on December 14. The Missions Commission has had a beautiful display case made for mission object lessons. Elby A. Boosinger, minister.

HARRISBURG: One added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Mel Byers, on furlough from

Thailand, showed colored slides and explained his work, at the mid-week service. Mrs. Blewford Osburn, State President of C.W.F., was guest speaker, November 30 in observance of Women's Day. The choir presented a Christmas cantata, December 14. Missionary giving for December was for Northwestern Christian Home. V. Blehm, reporter. Rex Jones, minister.

ST. HELENS: We honored our new members on November 17, with a fellowship dinner. Forty-two persons have been received into the fellowship of the church in the past 12 months. Robert Sargent of Vernonia brought the message. Our second annual Thanksgiving Day services were attended by 109. The children's choirs sang and Wayne Bryant brought the message. Bible School is averaging 40 over last year. Classes are engaged in an intensive visitation program. Wayne Bryant, minister.

SEASIDE: Two added by transfer. Traditional Thanksgiving service and dinner well attended on November 23. Wilbur R. Hensley, pastor. **ROSEBURG:** One added by baptism. B. Ross Evans is ad-interim minister. NCC quartet brought messages in song at both services, November 30.

ALBANY: Our young people have been very active; they have had several fund-raising projects, helping them to make the final payment of their building-fund pledge. Nineteen CYF young people and 12 Chi Rho with two sponsors attended the youth meetings. On November 30, Mrs. Edna Burke of Eugene, was Women's Day speaker. The CWF held a most successful "Christmas Fair" bazaar and dinner on December 4-5. Lester Jones, pastor.

LAKE GROVE: One added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Bible school running consistently thirty per cent over last year. Evening services have doubled due to series of "Nine Great Nights of the Church" consisting of panels, special speakers, etc. Donald Johnson, minister.

WALLOWA: One added by baptism. A pound party and reception for the new minister, Earl Moore and his family, were held. The CYF recently held installation of new officers and have a program of study and fellowship worked out for the coming months. Property adjoining present property was recently purchased, to be used for the present for parking space. Harold Cole, returned missionary, spoke November 16. A group of young people attended the C.E. meeting in Elgin, November 29. A union Thanksgiving service was held here on Wednesday evening, November 26, with all churches being represented. Mrs. Herschel Scott, reporter.

SALEM-FIRST: Seven added by baptism, 10 otherwise. Plans are being made for twenty-four hour prayer chain in co-operation with our Brotherhood, January 1. Annual Thanksgiving dinner served to over 200 and worship service given by Chi Rho group. Church school showing a steady increase in attendance, with November average of 528. CWF helping with Christmas gifts and cookies for state institutions. December 14 was Women's Day with women taking entire charge of morning service and Mrs. Sidney Van Dyke as speaker. Christmas program, December 14 also was presented in the early evening. Annual "tasting party" by CWF

held December 9. Wayne Greene, minister.

MAPLETON: Two added by baptism, 6 otherwise. The first eleven months of 1958 brought into the church 8 people. We have attending, somewhat regularly, eight families with a total, including others, of 38. Five of the eight families are members. We are looking forward to 1959 with much interest and I am sure that a great work for the Lord will be done in this new year to come. Total membership is 17. I am proud of the people making up this congregation and I am sure they will challenge each of us. Ted L. Jones, minister.

YAMHILL: Three added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Linfield College presented Christmas Vesper concert, December 7, with a large crowd. Pastor's study being remodeled. New sanctuary windows being installed in memory of M.C. Adamson, elder and teacher of the men's class. Robert S. Kuykendall, minister.

PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST: Four added by baptism. We have almost completed our plans for our "Month of Missions" to be held in January. We are planning the most extensive missions study we have ever held at Southeast. Everett Barlow is our Missions chairman. Gene Chamberlain, minister.

PERRYDALE: We had a Rally Day on November 16, with 60 in attendance in Sunday school. Contest for bringing people won by Peter Miller and Phyllis McIntosh. They each received a copy of *The Gospels* by J. B. Phillips. Charles Emerson, pastor.

SCIO: One added by baptism, 6 otherwise. Last month the Youth group had a singspiration, November 10. They invited all of the Christian churches around here and the other two groups in Scio. Each group contributed to the evening's music and singing. Refreshments were served. The attendance of the Bible school is gaining right along, according to our superintendent, Edward Nunn. The CWF has been showing a gain in attendance. More planning has been done on the new church entrance. It is hoped that the work can be started in the near future. Mrs. Glenn O. Clayton, reporter. Carrol Horner, minister.

MILWAUKIE: Plans for the annual School of Missions, to be held in January, have been completed. The subject for study will be Thailand. There will be classes for all ages. Mel Byers, missionary to Thailand, will conduct the adult classes. We have been fortunate to have Mel and his family with us here this winter while they are home on furlough. Iris M. League, reporter. Alger Fitch, pastor.

GLENWOOD: On Sunday, December 7, we were privileged to have the 1959 NCC Male Quartet. The CWF held a very successful Christmas bazaar in mid-December. Mrs. Richard Cook, reporter. Don



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Campbell, minister.

EUGENE - ALLISON PARK: Our fellowship dinner had a good turnout about 120 attending. We have been having overflowing crowds the last month for services. The men are working Saturdays on the new building. The junior choir sang in Harrisburg for evangelistic meetings. Young people attended WFYM at First Church and interdenominational sing at Congregational Church. Mrs. Newport, State CWF worship director from Albany, was our speaker for Women's Day. Eleanor Inman, reporter. Earl Sample, minister.

EUGENE - FIRST: Two added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Mrs. Ellen Stokes, church secretary for almost twelve years, resigned recently and was married on November 28 to Mr. Glen L. Robertson. Dr. Roberts performed the ceremony. Mr. Robertson for many years has been an elder in the Springfield Church. The two churches cooperated in providing a reception on November 30, when hundreds of friends gathered to congratulate them. Mrs. Marjorie Jackson has been secured as secretary, assisted by Mrs. Larry Bingham. Carroll C. Roberts, minister.

EUGENE - WESTSIDE: Two benevolent offerings in December: for the home at Beaverton and for the Turner home. Ed Eldridge and the NCC Quartet were visitors for the Sunday morning service, December 14. Have begun a "Preacher of the Month" series featuring a guest minister. Our second guest is Ted Yamamori, NCC student from Japan. Lynnton Elwell, minister.

ENTERPRISE: One added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Three youth and two advisers attended the Columbia CE convention at Elgin. The choir presented their Christmas Cantata, December 21, at the evening service. With it were used a filmstrip and three readers: Phil Shepherd, Bill Sheets, and Bill Spence. Choir director Mrs. Delbert Pratt has done a fine job in directing the choir. Frank Fleming, president of the Christian Children's Home in Boise, spoke. Over forty dollars was given in the special love offering. Al Boschee, minister.

MOLALLA: Two added by transfer. Union Thanksgiving services were held here November 26, with four churches participating. Fred Hatchell, minister, brought the message. Gifts of food were taken to four needy families. Clyde Freeman was here, December 7, and brought the morning and evening messages.

TILLAMOOK: Richard Skooglund, senior from NCC, is filling the pulpit while pastor Aldis L. Webb is recovering from a recent heart attack. November average attendances are as follows: church school, 355; fellowship hour, 112; Christian training hour, 113; evening church service, 143. Both our youth choir and adult choirs will present special Christmas concerts. Various departments and organizations were very busy on special Christmas projects. One annual project of CWF was to send cookies to service men and students. Mr. Webb will be back in the pulpit January 4. Vivian L. Mondhan, reporting.

PORTLAND - KERN PARK: Two add-

ed by baptism, 6 otherwise. Host to the CYF World Fellowship Meet, November 21-22. Women's Day observed, December 7, with the CWF in charge of the evening service and Mrs. Lynnette Rhay as evening speaker. On December 14, the Chancel choir presented a Christmas Cantata, entitled "Love Transcending," directed by Mrs. Virginia Busacker. Many Christmas activities were held celebrating the birth of Jesus. The CMF, after meeting for breakfast, December 13, arranged the life-size Christmas scene on the church lawn. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

CORBETT: Seven added by transfer. A newly-formed Women's Council held its first meeting in November. Mildred Howell was elected president, Mildred Woodruff, vice-president, and Jo Quinn, secretary-treasurer. Thirty young people enjoyed a skating party recently. Bible school averaging 114. June Law, reporter. Guy Armstrong, minister.

PORTLAND - MALLORY AVENUE: Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Chi Rho young people held an indoor camping trip in the gymnasium of the church building, Friday and Saturday, December 4-5. It was the first such experience for them, and the fun, fellowship, and worship were quite meaningful. We are in the process of formulating a budget for the coming year and of underwriting it. Dedication Sunday will be January 4. Seven Chi Rhos and 10 CYFers attended World Fellowship Youth meets. Loma Mae Jones was guest speaker for Women's Day, December 14. Choir presented annual Christmas concert, December 21. A five-week School of Missions starts, January 11. Clifford Trout, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: Twenty-seven attended the Columbia Union C.E. convention at Elgin, November 29. Twenty youth attended the World Youth Fellowship meet at Pendleton and Hermiston. Pastor Truman Robbins led a discussion group. The annual meeting and dinner were held December 14, with over 100 present. The high-school young people presented a skit, "The Blessing Bundle." Gordon Faires, chairman of the board, presided and recognized all members of the 52 club, officers and teachers of the Sunday school and church. On Women's Day, December 7, the women had charge of the morning worship. Guest speaker was Mrs. Ross Griffeth. Irene Warner, reporter.

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